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A volcano erupted recently in Iceland's Reykjanes peninsula in the southwest, weather authorities said, the ninth eruption to hit the region since the end of 2023.

About Reykjanes Peninsula

- Reykjanes is a peninsula in **southwest Iceland**, characterized by immense **lava fields, volcanoes**, and **heightened geothermal activity**.
- It covers an area of 829 sq.km.
- The peninsula is where the **Mid-Atlantic Ridge rises above sea level**, creating a dynamic landscape where the **North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet**.
- Due to this geological setting, the whole peninsula is **extremely volcanically active**, covered with **moss-coated lava fields and cone-shaped mountains**.
- **Since 2021**, the Reykjanes Peninsula has seen a marked increase in volcanic activity, with **eruptions occurring frequently**.

- There are frequent earthquakes due to the movement of the tectonic plates, but are commonly minor events that can hardly be felt by humans.
- The peninsula is quite **sparsely populated**, with the exception of the **capital area of Reykjavik**, which is the largest city on the peninsula.
- It is also the site of the **Reykjanes Geopark**, a **UNESCO Global Geopark**, which showcases the area's unique geological features, including fissures, lava fields, hot springs, and volcanic craters.
- The **Gunnahver Geothermal Field** is among the biggest geothermal fields on the peninsula.

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